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### **District Men Sentenced in Armed Robbery**

WASHINGTON - Jeremiah Gray, 23, of the District, was sentenced today to 11 years in prison on charges stemming from an armed robbery of two men in March 2010 near 14<sup>th</sup> and S Streets NW, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced. A second man, Frank Tate, 18, was sentenced last week to a seven-year prison term for his role in the crime.

Gray, of the 4900 block of Ninth Street NW, was found guilty by a jury on September 9, 2010 of armed robbery and possession of a firearm during a crime of violence. Tate, of the 4300 block of New Hampshire Avenue NW, pleaded guilty to the same charges on September 1.

The Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary sentenced the defendants in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

The evidence at trial established that Gray, Tate, and a third accomplice, all armed with silver pistols, approached the two victims about 3:20 a.m. March 14, 2010 as they were returning to their car, which was parked near the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> and S Streets NW. After the three robbers took the victims' wallets, keys, cellular phones and jewelry, one of them pistol-whipped one of the victims in the face. All three robbers then fled down an alley.

Immediately after the robbery, the uninjured victim flagged down Officer John Terry, of the Metropolitan Police Department. Less than a minute after being flagged down, Officer Terry stopped Gray and Tate within approximately two blocks of the crime scene. Twenty minutes after the crime, both were identified by the victims as having participated in the robbery. Police recovered property belonging to one of the victims from Tate. A cellular phone recovered from Tate also contained a photo of him holding a silver pistol, taken earlier that same evening.

In announcing the sentences, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. praised the work of Officer Terry and Detective Kenneth Arrington, also of the MPD. He also commended the work of Paralegals Baretta Francis and Wanda Trice, and Law Clerks David Snyder and Julia Cardozo. Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Emily A. Miller, who indicted and prosecuted the case at trial.

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